

## MEMORANDUM

January 10, 2008

TO: Phil Alperson  
Montgomery County BRAC Coordinator

FROM: Thomas W. Carr, Jr.  
Fire Chief  
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for BRAC Implementation at the  
National Naval Medical Center

My staff has reviewed and analyzed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding the U.S. Navy's plans for the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in accordance with the Department of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program. I have concluded that BRAC implementation at the NNMC would, in the absence of adequate mitigation measures, have unforeseen adverse impacts on the ability of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS) to deliver timely and effective emergency services within the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area, including service provided to the NNMC and its successor the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC).

The attached set of comments describes MCFRS' role in the delivery of fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to the NNMC/WRNMMC and the anticipated impacts that would result from plans to implement BRAC strategies at the facility. Recommendations for minimizing these impacts are included within our comments.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this draft document. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me directly at 240-777-2435 or at [tom.carr@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:tom.carr@montgomerycountymd.gov) or contact Scott Gutschick, Planning Section Manager, at 240-777-2417 or at [scott.gutschick@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:scott.gutschick@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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